

Lafayette Community Church

The Church

Here Is Our King • Matthew 16:13-28 • Message 17

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LAST WEEK: YEAST OF PHARISEES : "POWER FOR US" • EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF JESUS

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Two Initial Contrasts

- What We **THINK** of Jesus vs. Who He **REALLY IS** .
- OBSERVERS vs. DISCIPLES.

16 • KING WITH DIVINE OVERTONES!! • SATAN AND DEMONS CALLED HIM THAT!

GP: HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOLLOW A DIVINE KING? • PETER, ACCURATE IN WORDS, WRONG IN THOUGHT

The Foundation of the Church

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- Those who follow Jesus are called "the **CHURCH**."
- The Church is based on the **DIVINE KINGSHIP** of Jesus.
- The Church is on a **WINNING** mission to **OPEN** the kingdom.
- The church's **BEHAVIOR** can keep people out of heaven.

 BINDING/LOOSING SO MANY WAYS TO MISUNDERSTAND THE FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN DOMINION

 THAT'S WHY WE HAVE V. 20 RIGHT WORD, WRONG MEANING

What the Foundation Means

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The difference between imagined Jesus and real Jesus is a

SACRIFICIAL DEATH.

FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH INVOLVES A SACRIFICIAL DEATH. 24-26

The difference between an observer and a disciple is a

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BUT DON'T END THERE... 27-28 • RESURRECTION, REWARD, GLORY EVEN NOW!

Giving my life to/for Jesus is a W I N!

Take It Home

AS A CHURCH, KINDA STARTING OVER... • LOTS OF CHANGES BUT: INSPIRING PEOPLE TO FOLLOW JESUS ONE NEW THING: CONCERN THAT WE PORTRAY THE ACTUAL JESUS.

- We will be committed to Jesus as our only King. No earthly loyalty comes close.
- We will grow in the knowledge of him even when it challenges previous ideas.
- We will live out his life for the sake of others even when it means sacrifice.
- We understand this life is not a drag. This is true joy for now and for eternity!



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